

COURSE DETAIL

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ETHNIC RELATIONS

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University - University College Utrecht

Program(s)

University College Utrecht

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Psychology

UCEAP Course Number

135

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ETHNIC RELATIONS

UCEAP Transcript Title

PSY ETHNIC RELATNS

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course provides an in-depth understanding of the social psychological aspects of intergroup relations, particularly between majority and minority ethnic groups, although some time is reserved for studying the relationships between religious groups. The literature focuses on theories and empirical research that deal with factors determining mutual perceptions of ethnic groups and the consequences of these perceptions. Ethnic groups define themselves as different from others in terms of real and imagined cultural and historical factors. At the same time real as well as imagined factors play a role in the nature and dynamics of ethnic relations. The course covers general psychological processes but also uses concrete examples of intergroup conflicts to facilitate the understanding of the theories. Literature about self-categorization processes, group belonging and identification, ethnic threat, stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination are required. The course considers the main theoretical explanations of negative reactions between ethnic groups and evaluates the empirical evidence. Next to searching for causes of prejudice in the characteristics and perceptions of individuals, the course also examines the role of the wider social context and its implications for social cohesion. Students must have completed a Social Psychology course and a Statistics course as prerequisites for this course.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

UCSSCPSY31

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

University College Utrecht

Host Institution Faculty

Social Sciences

Host Institution Degree**Host Institution Department**

Psychology

Course Last Reviewed

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